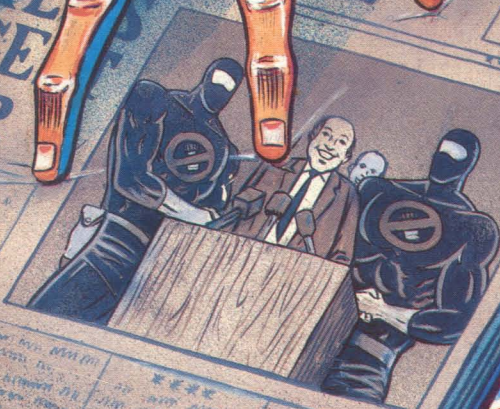


CRACK BUSTERS

THE
CRACK
BUSTERS
MUST **DIE!**

CRACK
BUSTERS
MAKE BIGGER
BUST EVER



HOW TO RECOGNIZE SIGNS OF CRACK USE

LAST ISSUE



After personal tragedy, Robert Wilson becomes the Crackbuster with the aid of his old high school friend, Alex Saforza. After initial success, Robert is trapped by some drug pushers. He is about to be killed when Alex, who had followed Robert intervenes and saves his life. Becoming the Crackbusters, Robert and Alex begin their relentless war on drugs. They are so successful that the Kingpin of the drug trade calls in an assassin: THE MECHANIC.

I hope you enjoy our series. Whether you do or not, though, please write to let us know. The address is: CRACKBUSTERS 2174 Tibbetts Wick Rd., Girard, Ohio 44420. I promise all letters will be read carefully.

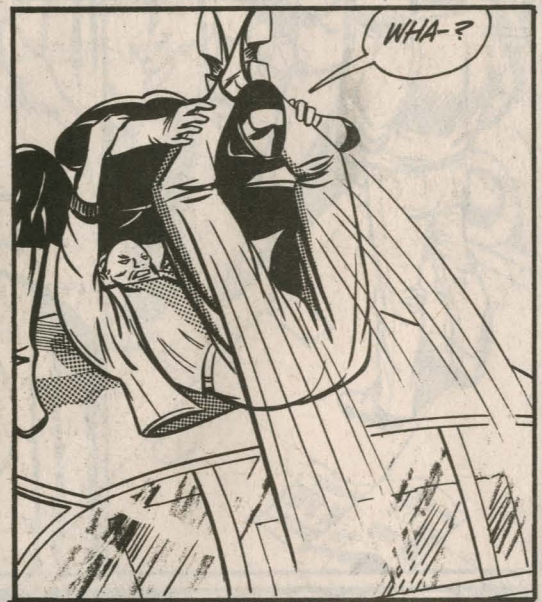
Thank you,
Paul C. Simone

There are physical and mental changes that indicate you may be in trouble with drugs. Check the following list and see if you or someone you suspect is abusing drugs or alcohol.

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL SYMPTOMS OF ADDICTION

- increased or decreased tolerance for drugs
- bumps and bruises
- puffiness of face or extremities
- red face, red nose
- swollen nasal membrane
- sudden vision difficulties
- enlarged liver
- blackouts
- frequent infections
- chest and heart problems
- digestive problems
- lingering colds and flu
- high blood pressure
- signs of bad nutrition
- tremors
- changes in reflexes
- dizziness
- loss of coordination
- slurred speech
- confusion and slow comprehension
- memory loss
- insomnia
- loss of appetite
- delirium

*Special thanks to Dr. James Giannini.
Dr. Giannini is an authority on Crack abuse.*



WITH CRACK USE REACHING FRIGHTENING PROPORTIONS, TWO MEN HAVE SAID, "ENOUGH!!" ALEX SAFORZA AND ROBERT WILLIAMS HAVE VOWED THE STREETS OF ILLEGAL DRUGS. THEY DO THIS IN THEIR GUISE OF THE...

CRACK BUSTERS

ENTER: THE MECHANIC!

I SEE YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN YOUR GYMNASTICS TRAINING. THAT WAS A GREAT MANEUVER!

TA-DAA!

WHAMPPPP!

STORY- PAUL SIMIONE

ART- DAVE SCHWARTZ

INKS- BRIAN MOORE



NOW, LET'S TALK ABOUT THOSE RIGHTS! THE ONLY RIGHTS YOU HAVE, ARE THE ONES WE LET YOU HAVE...

...AND NOW I'M DEBATING WHETHER YOU HAVE THE RIGHTS TO ONE BROKEN LEG OR TWO.



DON'T HURT ME PLEASE. LEMME GO, AND I'LL LEAVE TOWN.



BECAUSE YOU CAUGHT US IN A GOOD MOOD, WE'LL LET YOU WALK ON TWO CONDITIONS...



YES... YES... ANYTHING WHAT... ???



FIRST YOU GIVE US THE NAME OF YOUR SOURCE.

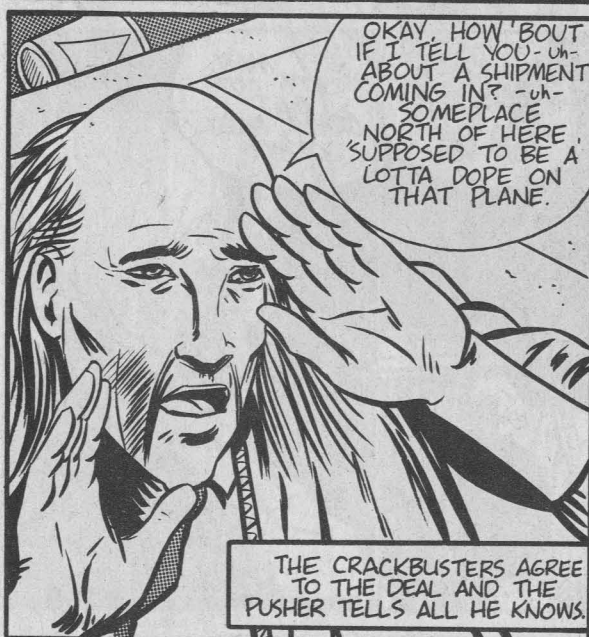
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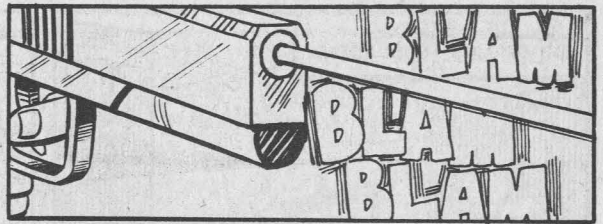
GEE, THAT'S TOO BAD, CAUSE THE SECOND CONDITION IS THAT YOU LEAVE TOWN. BUT NOW I GUESS WE'RE BACK TO DISCUSSING THOSE BROKEN LEGS.



C'MON, MAN, I CAN'T SQUEAL. I TELL YOU WHO MY SOURCE IS, AND I'M DEAD!







AS THE MECHANIC
ENTERS HIS HOTEL ROOM...



YES.

SIR - THIS
IS YOUR
EMPLOYER.

SPEAK.

I HAVE A SHIP-
MENT COMING IN
UPSTATE, TOMORROW.
I WOULD LIKE YOU
TO SAFEGUARD MY
MERCHANDISE.



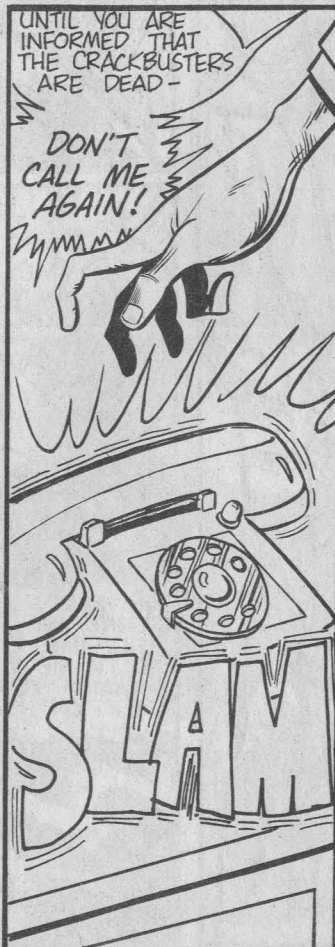
I AM THE
BEST ASSASIN
IN THE WORLD!
THE MECHANIC
IS NO ONE'S
FLUNKY!
I WAS HIRED
TO DO ONE
THING -
KILL THE
CRACKBUSTERS!!!

IF YOU WISH
SOMEONE
TO DO MENIAL
WORK, I
SUGGEST YOU
LOOK
ELSEWHERE.



UNTIL YOU ARE
INFORMED THAT
THE CRACKBUSTERS
ARE DEAD -

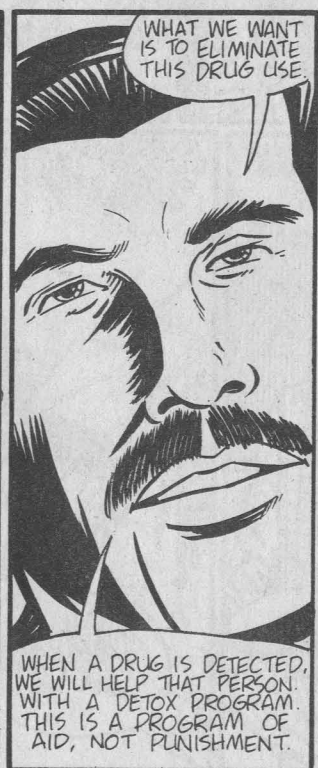
DON'T
CALL ME
AGAIN!



STUPID... AH, WELL,
I STILL HAVE TIME
TO ORDER ROOM
SERVICE BEFORE I
WATCH MY MOVIE.



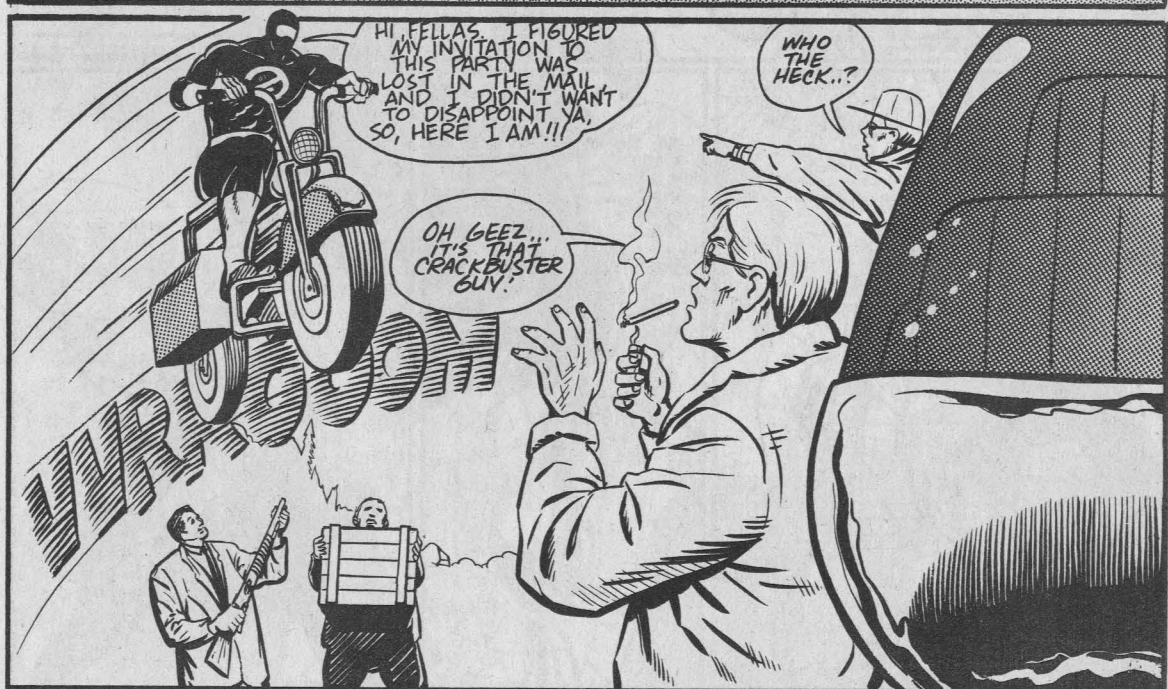
THE NEXT MORNING FINDS THE CRACKBUSTERS IN THEIR CIVILIAN GUISES OF ALEX SAFORZA AND ROBERT WILSON.



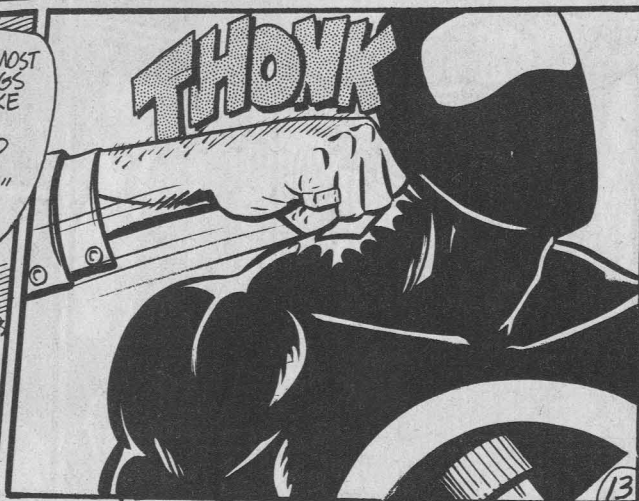


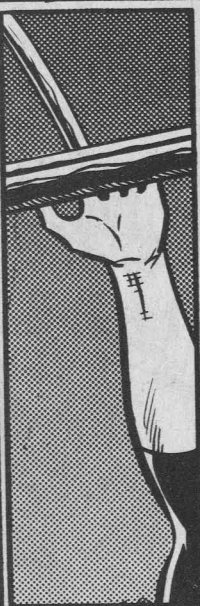
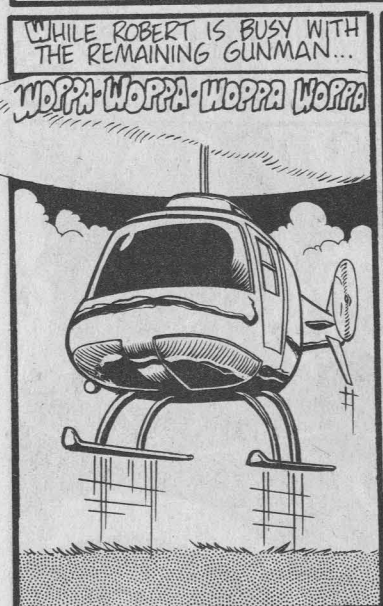


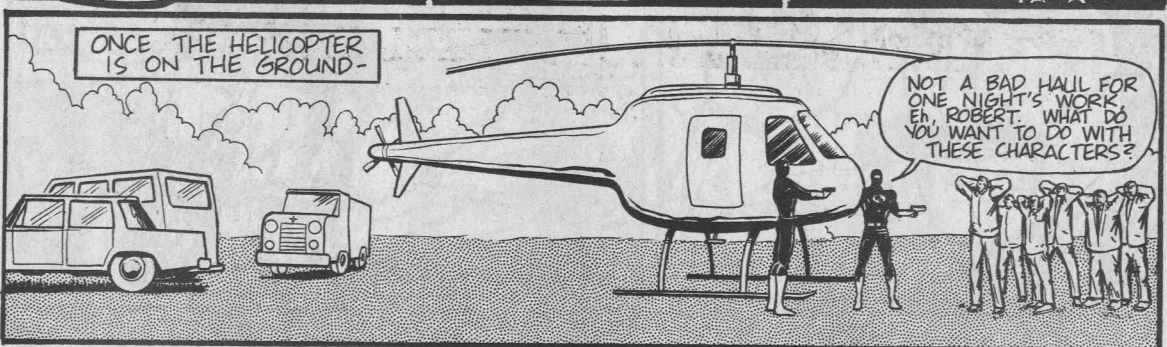
ONCE THE HELICOPTER HAS LANDED, MEN WORK QUICKLY TO UNLOAD IT'S ILLICET CARGO.













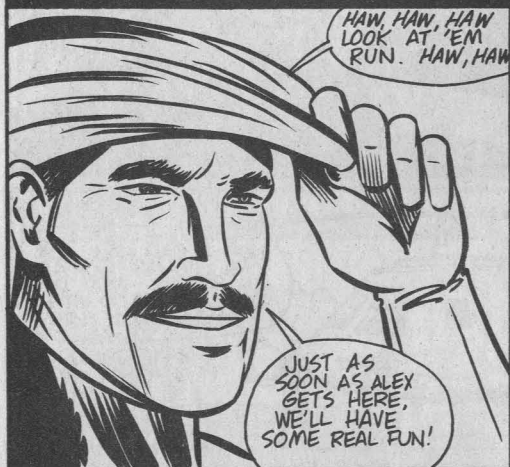
I THINK YOU UNDERSTAND MY MESSAGE. EH... BOYS?



I'LL GO GET THE BIKE AND WE CAN FINISH THIS OPERATION.

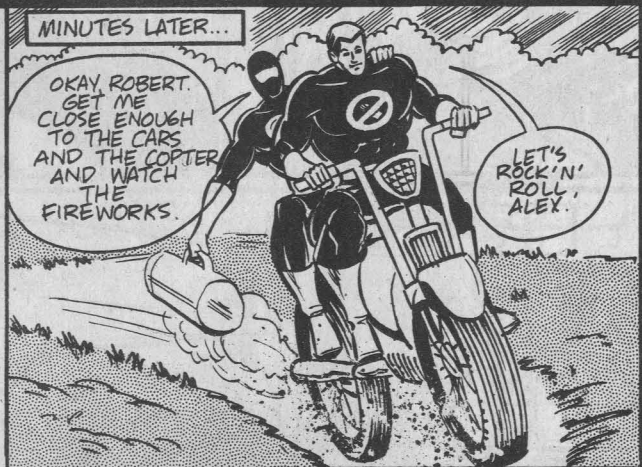
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

GOOD IDEA, ALEX. I'LL GIVE OUR FRIENDS SOME EXTRA INCENTIVE TO GET OUTTA HERE



HAW, HAW, HAW
LOOK AT 'EM RUN. HAW, HAW

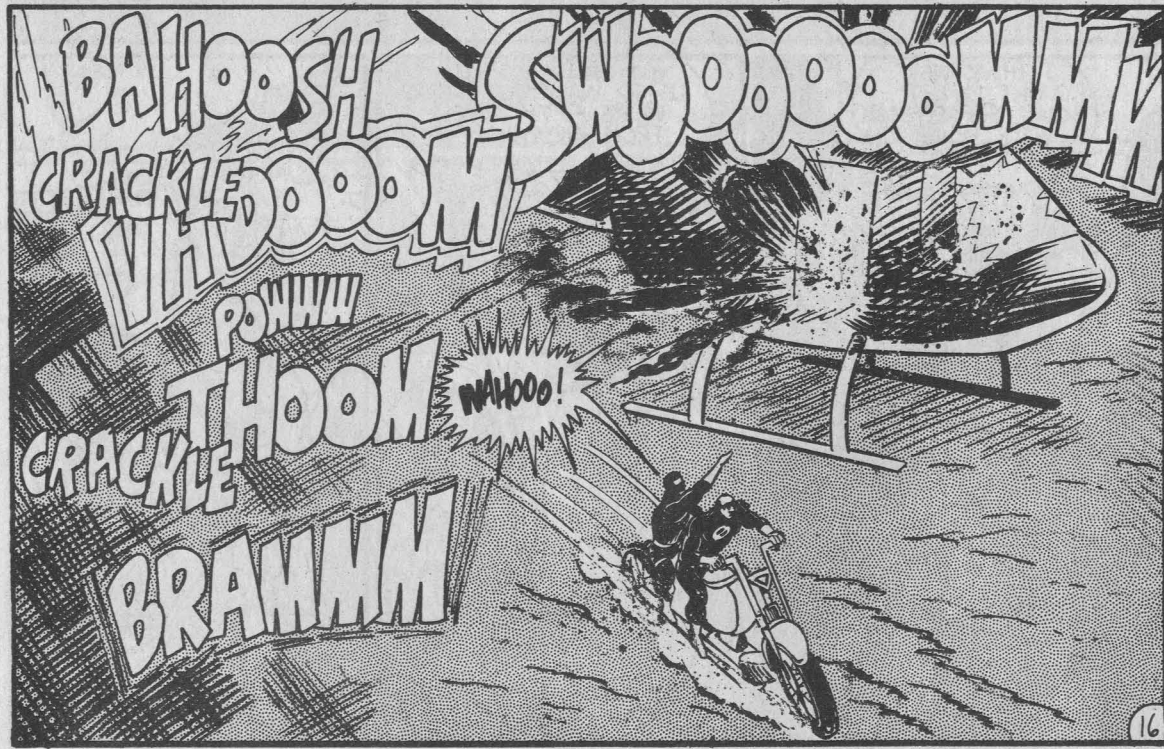
JUST AS SOON AS ALEX GETS HERE, WE'LL HAVE SOME REAL FUN!



MINUTES LATER...

OKAY ROBERT. GET ME CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE CARS AND THE COPTER AND WATCH THE FIREWORKS.

LET'S ROCK 'N' ROLL, ALEX.



BAHOOSH
CRACKLE
WHOOOON
POHNN
THOON
CRACKLE
BRAHNN

Wahooo!



MINUTES LATER...

GOOD AFTERNOON, HANK I UNDERSTAND WE MAY HAVE A SMALL PROBLEM.

LOOK, MR. WILSON. I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING. I DIDN'T EMBEZZLE ANY MONEY.

IT MUST HAVE BEEN ELLEN DITTOWSKI, MY ASSISTANT. SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN JEALOUS OF ME.

OR MAYBE JEFF RASKY. HE DOESN'T LIKE ME.

I DON'T KNOW WHY EVERYONE'S AGAINST ME. I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG. I'M TELLING YOU SOMEONE IN MY DEPARTMENT IS SETTING ME UP!!!

C'MON, HANK. YOU'RE THE PICTURE OF A COCAINE ADDICT.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE TALKING A...

STOP IT! YOU'RE HOOKED! DON'T KEEP LYING TO YOURSELF

YOU'RE CRAZY! I'M NO ADDICT. I DO A LINE RECREATIONALLY, NOW AND AGAIN... TO WIND DOWN. I'VE GOT A LOT OF PRESSURE ON ME!

YOU CAN RATIONALIZE ALL YOU WANT THE FACT IS YOU ARE HOOKED!

I'M NOT AN ADDICT! I'M N-NOT - I'M KNOW. OH, I DON'T KNOW. OH GEEZ...

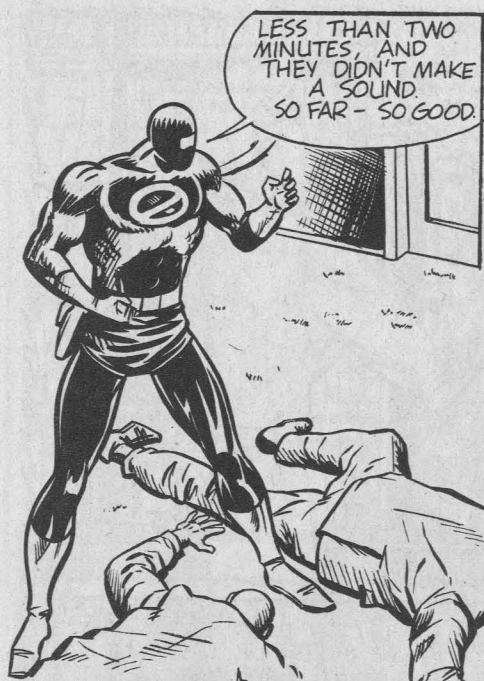
I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT STARTED OUT SO SIMPLY - JUST A TOOT AT PARTIES - OH GOD. I'M OUT OF CONTROL. OH... OH WHAT HAVE I DONE?

HANK, TAKE IT EASY WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU. I WANT YOU TO GO INTO OUR NEW DETOX PROGRAM, OKAY? WHEN YOU COME OUT, YOUR JOB WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU.

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. HANK COOPER... DO YOU THINK YOU CAN TRUST HIM TO COME BACK TO WORK AFTER HE CLEANS UP?

DON'T WORRY. IF ALL GOES WELL, AND HE DOES COME BACK, YOU WON'T HAVE TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT HIS STEALING. HANK IS A GOOD MAN. HE'LL BE OKAY.





LESS THAN TWO MINUTES, AND THEY DIDN'T MAKE A SOUND. SO FAR - SO GOOD.



I'M WILLING TO BET THAT'S A STEEL REINFORCED DOOR. OH WELL - A LITTLE PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE OUGHT TO TAKE CARE OF THAT.



FIRST - THE BOOM, THEN WE'LL CLEAN UP THE ROOM! HEH, HEH!

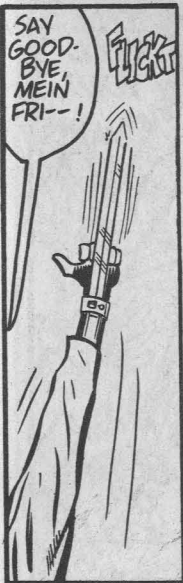
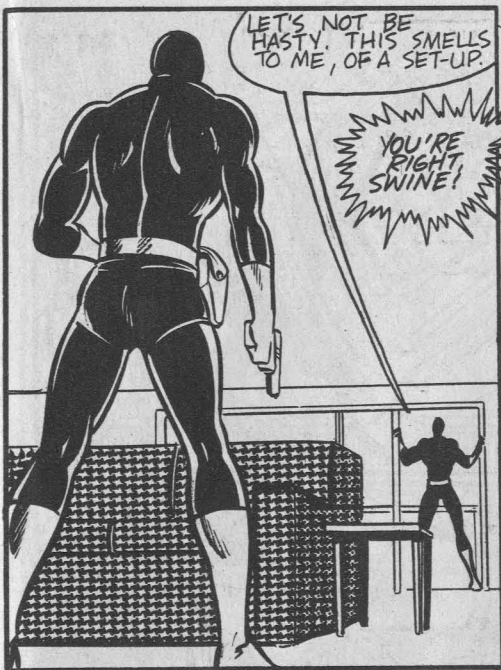


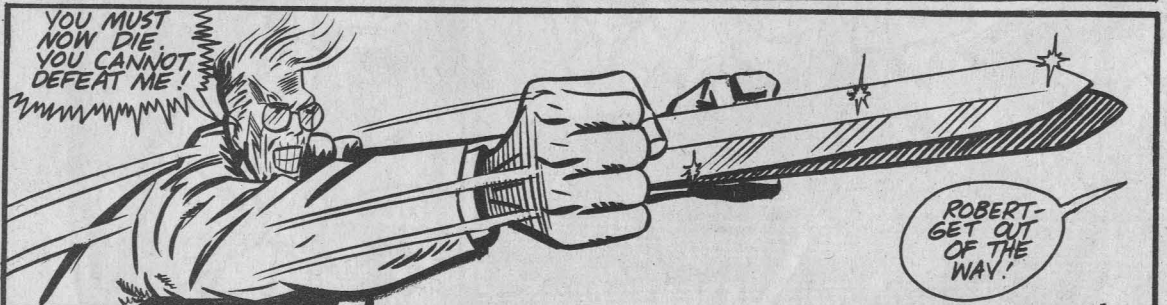
ROBERT SHOULD BE IN POSITION BY NOW, SO--

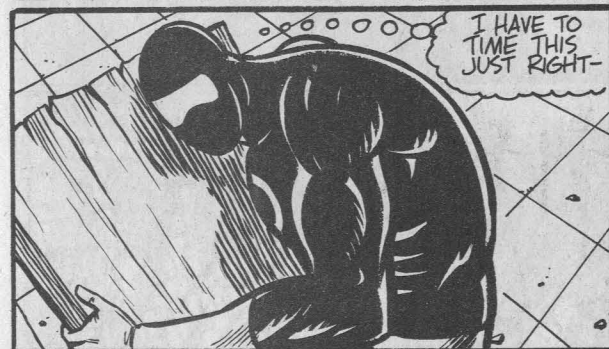


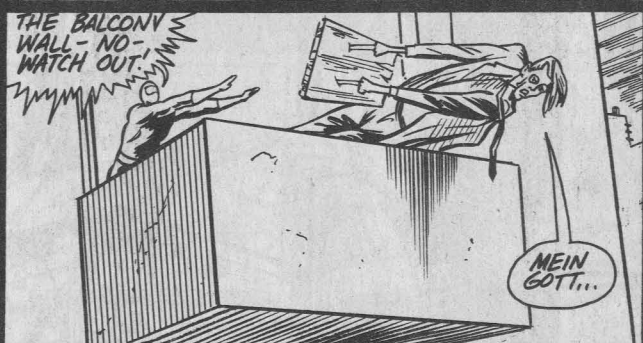
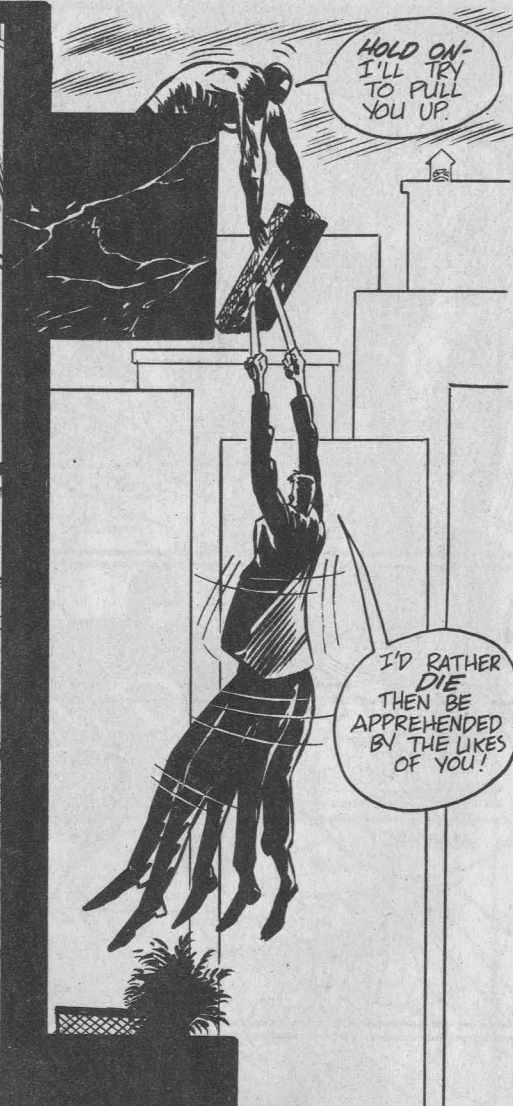
ONCE THE SMOKE CLEARS...

HOLY COW! THERE'S NOBODY HOME. EITHER WE GOT HERE BEFORE THE BADDIES, OR, SOMEBODY LIED TO US.









A FEW DAYS LATER, IN
FRONT OF AN APARTMENT
HOUSE, ON EAST 82nd STREET...

HEY, DON'T
HOG
THE
JOINT!
PASS IT
OVER HERE.

ONCE TAKING
POSSESSION OF
THE JOINT...

LATER, THAT NIGHT...



"...SO, ONCE AGAIN, OUR STORY, TONIGHT, IS THAT THREE YOUTHS WERE GUNNED DOWN, IN FRONT OF THIS APARTMENT HOUSE. WITNESSES SAY TWO COSTUMED MEN PULLED OUT AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, AND SHOT THESE KIDS, WHILE THEY WERE SMOKING WHAT APPEARED TO BE MARIJUANA. TOM..."

"THANK YOU, LIZ. THIS JUST IN - AUTHORITIES SAY THE TWO COSTUMED MEN HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE SELF-STYLED VIGILANTIES THE CRACKBUSTERS."

"WE NOW ARE GOING LIVE, TO CITY HALL, WHERE POLICE COMMISSIONER RYAN, IS HOLDING A PRESS CONFERENCE."



"WE ARE CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING THIS INCIDENT. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THIS DEPARTMENT'S POLICY TO DISCOURAGE ANY VIGILANTE ACTION."

"THESE EVENTS HAVE CONFIRMED WHAT I HAVE BEEN SAYING, SINCE THE BEGINNING - THE CRACK-BUSTERS ARE DANGEROUS INDIVIDUALS WHO SHOULD BE SHUNNED RATHER THAN ENCOURAGED!"

"EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, I HAVE ISSUED ORDERS TO ALL LAW ENFORCERS TO APPREHEND THESE CRACKBUSTERS."



"THEY ARE TO BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS..."

"...AND ANY FORCE DEEMED NECESSARY WILL BE APPROVED !!!"

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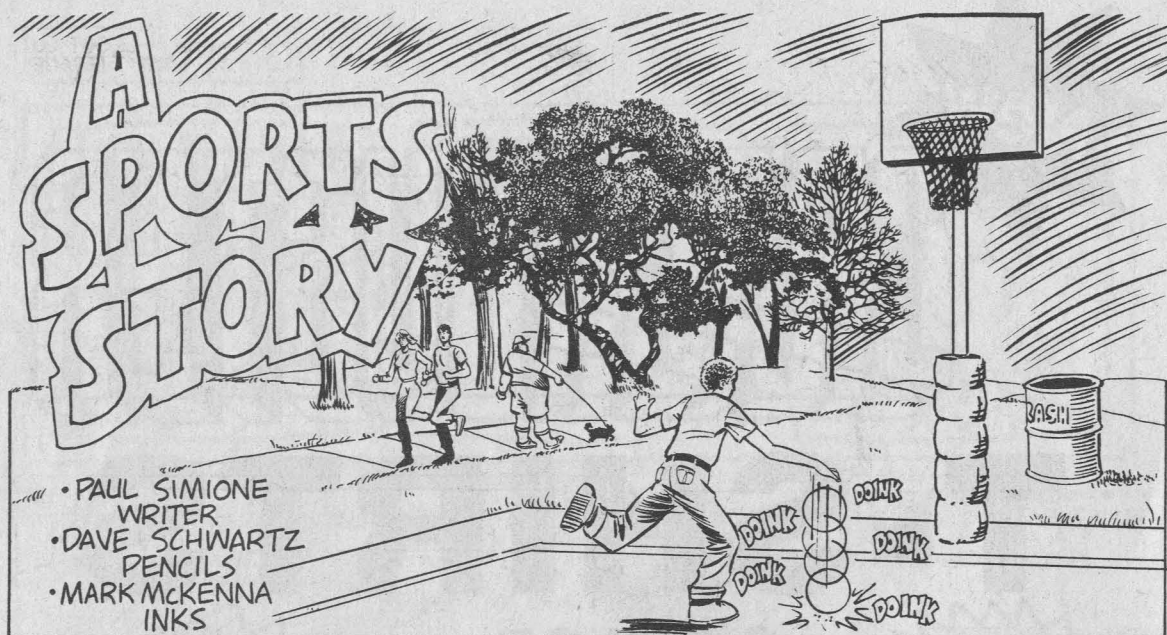
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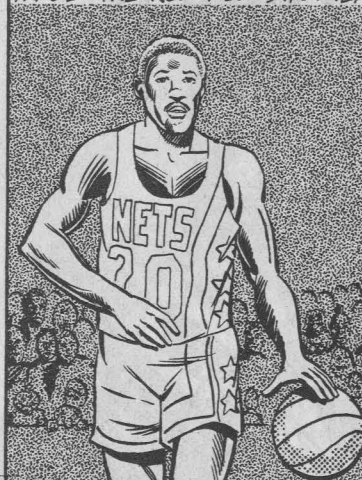
A SPORTS STORY

• PAUL SIMIONE
WRITER
• DAVE SCHWARTZ
PENCILS
• MARK MCKENNA
INKS



YEAH, I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT DOING **CRACK**. A LOTTA GUYS WHO HANG AROUND HERE DO IT. THEY SAY IT'S **GREAT**. THEY SAY ALL THE **PROS** USE IT. THEY THINK THAT'S WHAT MAKES THE **PROS** SO GOOD.

"THEN I THINK OF MICHAEL RAY RICHARDSON. HE WAS PLAYIN' FOR THE JERSEY NETS - PULLING DOWN THE BIG BUCKS - MADE THE NBA ALL-STAR TEAM"



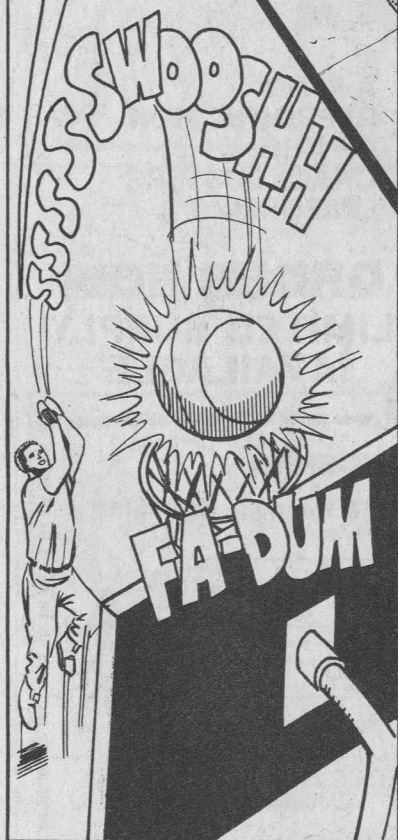
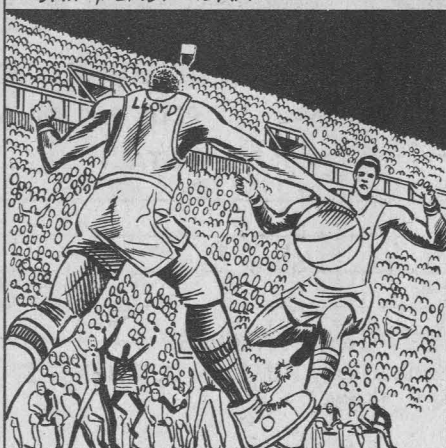
NOW, HE GOT KICKED OUTTA THE NBA, FOR USING COKE. HE'S TRYING TO HOOK-UP WITH A TEAM IN ITALY.

ASK HIM IF HE THINKS **COKE** WAS WORTH IT!

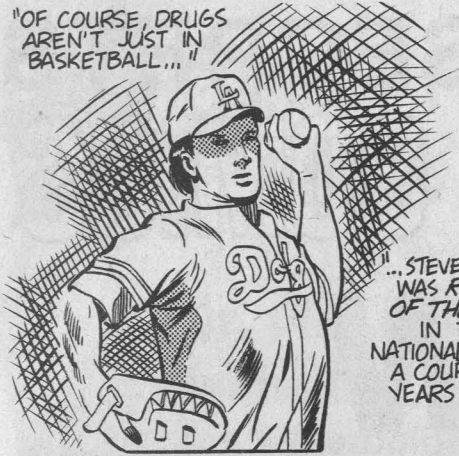


"NOW, CAUSE OF DRUGS, THE ONLY WAY THEY SEE AN NBA GAME, IS IF THEY **BUY** A TICKET. DO YOU THINK THEY FEEL IT WAS WORTH IT?"

"LEWIS LLOYD AND MITCHELL WIGGINS PLAYED FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, LAST YEAR."



"OF COURSE, DRUGS
AREN'T JUST IN
BASKETBALL..."

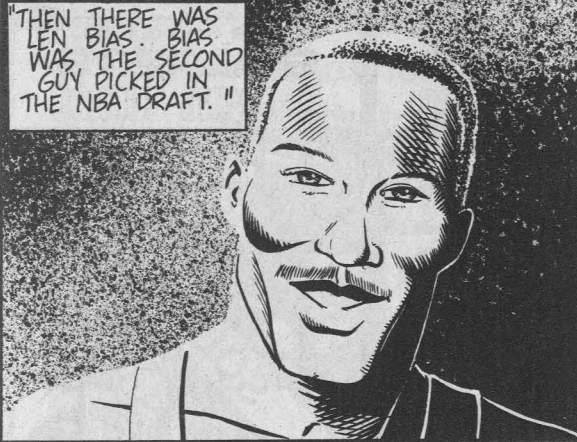


"...STEVE HOWE
WAS ROOKIE
OF THE YEAR
IN THE
NATIONAL LEAGUE,
A COUPLE OF
YEARS AGO."



LAST YEAR, HE GOT CUT
FROM THE LOWEST LEAGUES.
HE'S PROBABLY QUITTA
BASEBALL FOR GOOD.
ALL BECAUSE HE
COULDN'T STAY
AWAY FROM
THE NOSE CANDY.

"THEN THERE WAS
LEN BIAS. BIAS
WAS THE SECOND
GUY PICKED IN
THE NBA DRAFT."



"DON ROGERS WAS ONE OF THE BEST
DEFENSIVE BACKS IN THE NFL."



"YOU CAN'T ASK THEM WHAT THEY
THINK ABOUT DRUGS - CAUSE
DRUGS KILLED 'EM!"



SURE, I
KNOW THE
CHANCES
OF ME
PLAYING
PRO-BALL
ARE
SLIM..."



"...BUT, I'M ALREADY A SUPER-
STAR. YOU CAN BE ONE TOO -
JUST MAKE AN INFORMED
DECISION - SAY NO TO DRUGS!"



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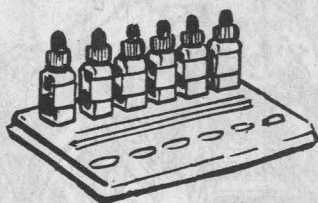
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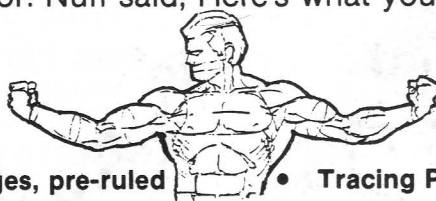
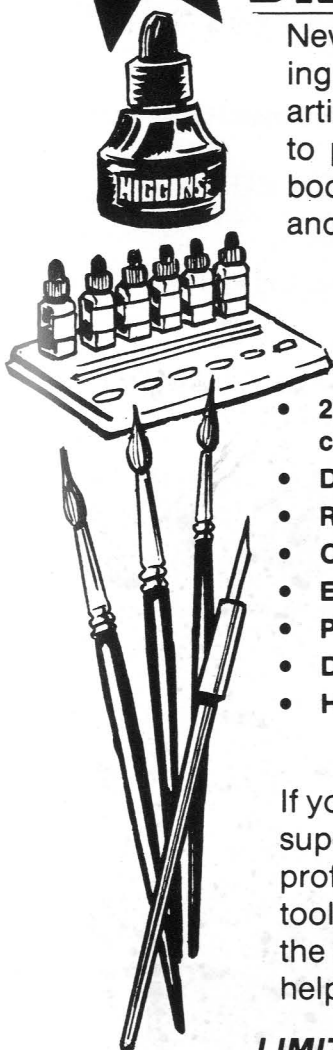


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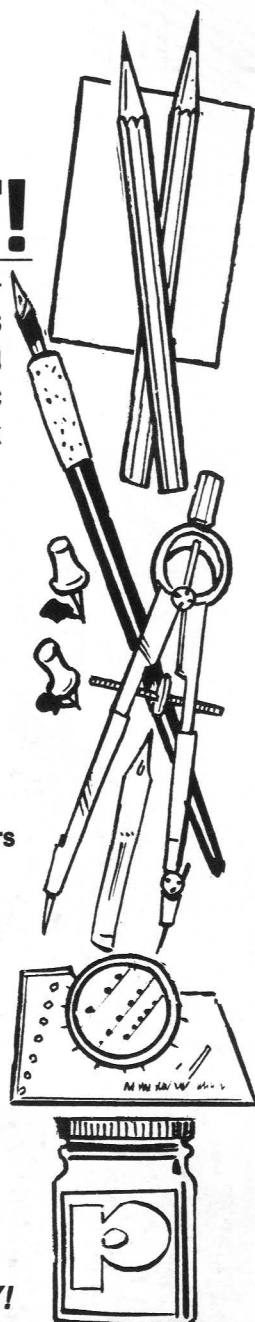
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